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(SBU) Poloff conveyed points March 18 to Ifigenia Argueta Sanchez of the Foreign Ministry's Office for the UNSC urging Mexico to make public statements in support of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM). Argueta affirmed GOM's support for AMISOM in strengthening Somalia in this period of transition and the Somalia security sector given the problem of piracy along the Somali coast. She said she would convey our interest that Mexico issue a statement in support of AMISOM at the UNSC debate on Somalia March 20.

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